

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : *West et al.*

Application No. : 10/576,956

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Art Unit : 1625

Title : Cyanine Dye Labelling Reagents

Docket No. : PL0379 US

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SUBSTITUTE APPEAL BRIEF IN RESPONSE TO A

NON-COMPLIANT NOTIFICATION

Sir:

This is in response to a Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief ("Notification") mailed November 4, 2009.

Per the Notification, Appellants respectfully submit only complete and newly amended page 3 specifically pertaining to sections III and IV in response to the Notification for reasons set forth under 37 CFR 41.37 (c)(1)(iii) and 37 CFR 41.37 (c)(1)(iv).

I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The party in interest in this Appeal is GE Healthcare, Inc., a part of General Electric ("GE").

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

There are no other appeals or interferences related to the instant appeal.

III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 and 10-14 are pending in this application. The Examiner has rejected all of these claims. Claims 7-9 have been cancelled and claims 15-19 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-6 and 10-14 as amended during prosecution are reproduced in the **Claims Appendix** attached hereto. Appellants are appealing the rejection of Claims 1-6 and 10-14.

IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

Appellants submitted an Amendment After Final on June 16, 2009. No claims have been amended thereafter. An Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief was mailed on July 22, 2009 by the Examiner and the After Final Amendment has been entered.

V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

Independent Claim 1 describes a compound of formula (I):

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Respectfully submitted,

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